

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) A method Method for the drainage of laundry, comprising the steps of:

- a) driving a drum (11) in rotation;
- b) loading the drum (11) with the laundry and, during the loading, uniformly distributing the laundry onto an inner circumference of the drum (11);
- c) spinning the laundry being spun in a the drum (11) capable of being driven in rotation, and, at the same time, at a circumferential speed such that a centrifugal acceleration that is greater than 600 times gravitational acceleration acts on the laundry such that liquid contained in the laundry being as far as possible is removed from the latter, characterized in that laundry, the drum (11) is driven at a circumferential speed such that a centrifugal acceleration which is higher than 600 times gravitational acceleration acts on the laundry

wherein the drum (11) is loaded in a position in which drainage of the liquid in the laundry also takes place and the loading of the drum (11) is carried out with the drum (11) rotating at a speed that is reduced as compared with the spinning of the laundry to remove the liquid.

2. (cancelled).

3. (cancelled).

4. (currently amended) The method Method according to Claim 1, characterized in that the drum (11) is loaded in a position in which drainage of the laundry also takes place, with a wherein the drum (11) comprises an approximately horizontal longitudinal mid-axis (17) or axis of rotation of the drum (11) running approximately horizontally.

5. (currently amended) The method Method according to Claim 4, characterized in that, ~~to unload the drained laundry; further comprising the step of pivoting~~ the drum (11) is pivoted into an unloading position by means of an oblique position of the longitudinal mid-axis (17) or axis of rotation with respect to the horizontal, the longitudinal mid-axis (17) or axis of rotation being inclined downwards in the direction of a loading and unloading orifice (18) of the drum (11).

6. (currently amended) The method Method according to Claim 1, characterized in that, ~~further comprising the step of,~~ after loading of the drum (11) with the laundry, increasing the rotational speed of the drum is ~~increased~~ quickly and continuously, in that an electric motor (21) of a drive (15) of the drum (11) is operated with a maximum torque during the run-up of the rotational speed of the drum (11).

7. – 24. (cancelled).

25. (new). The method according to Claim 1, wherein the drum (11) comprises a drive (15) having an electric motor (21) and the rotational speed of the drum is increased by operating the electric motor (21) at maximum torque when increasing the rotational speed of the drum (11).

26. (new) A method for the drainage of laundry, comprising the steps of:
- a) driving a drum (11) in rotation, the drum (11) comprising an approximately horizontal longitudinal mid-axis (17) or axis of rotation;
 - b) loading the drum (11) with the laundry and, during the loading, uniformly distributing the laundry onto an inner circumference of the drum (11) while the drum (11) is rotating at a reduced rotational speed;
 - c) increasing the rotational speed of the drum quickly and continuously to an increased rotational speed;
 - d) spinning the laundry in the drum (11) at the increased rotational speed such that a centrifugal acceleration that is greater than 600 times gravitational acceleration acts on the laundry such that liquid contained in the laundry is removed from the laundry; and
 - e) pivoting the drum (11) into an unloading position with the longitudinal mid-axis (17) or axis of rotation in an oblique position with respect to the horizontal, the longitudinal mid-axis (17) or axis of rotation being inclined obliquely downwards in the direction of a loading and unloading orifice (18) of the drum (11).
27. (new) The method as claimed in Claim 26, wherein the drum (11) is loaded in a position in which drainage of the liquid in the laundry also takes place.